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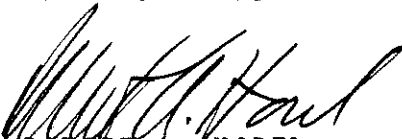
TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - "CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE AND FOOD
BANK ACT OF 1987"

The purpose of this letter is to advise County Welfare Departments (CWDs) of recent federal legislation pertaining to the Food Stamp Program. The "Charitable Assistance and Food Bank Act of 1987" was signed into law on January 5, 1988 as Public Law 100-232. One provision of this legislation mandates that cash charitable contributions based on need which are received from private nonprofit charitable organizations, not in excess of \$300 aggregate per quarter, are to be excluded from consideration as Food Stamp household income. Pending receipt of federal rules, "quarter" will be interpreted as a calendar quarter. Public Law 100-232 does not apply to any Food Stamp allotments issued prior to February 1, 1988.

As soon as federal rules are received, state regulations implementing this new provision will be processed on an emergency basis. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has instructed states to identify and record affected cases as they become known through reporting, recertifications and the like, so that retroactive benefits may be issued, where appropriate, upon implementation of the amended regulations. CWDs are, therefore, advised to begin the identification process immediately and should retain records of affected cases until applicable state regulations are implemented.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact Carole Geller, Food Stamp Policy Implementation Unit at (916) 322-5330.


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